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MEDIA ADVISORY

Northern Virginia Transportation Authority Kicks Off Public Outreach On Solutions for the Region's
Transportation Problems at the
24th Annual Memorial Day Parade & Festival

FALLS CHURCH, VA. – The Northern Virginia Transportation Authority's (NVTA) TransAction2030 Information Booth will be available at the City of Falls Church Memorial Day Parade & Festival on May 30, 2005. It will be located at Booth # C104, which is in front of City Hall, located at 300 Park Avenue) and will be staffed from 9:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m.

The NVTA was created by the Virginia General Assembly in 2002 and replaces the Transportation Coordinating Council (TCC) of Northern Virginia. NVTA, chaired by City of Falls Church Council Member David F. Snyder, is charged with developing a regional transportation plan covering the Counties of Arlington, Fairfax, Loudoun, and Prince William and the cities of Alexandria, Fairfax, Falls Church, Manassas, and Manassas Park. As part of this charge, NVTA has authorized a work plan for updating the Northern Virginia 2020 Transportation Plan, which was approved by Resolution in December 1999. TransAction 2030 is that work plan.

"We know all too well what our transportation problems are, now its time to achieve a public consensus on solutions," said NVTA Chair David F. Snyder. "This effort is critical to helping the Washington region come up with a plan that will actually be used to set priorities and direct funding to the projects that will really solve our transportation problems. The last long term plan sat on the shelf, with some exceptions such as rail to Dulles, was never adequately funded, and our problems grew worse. We will not let that happen again."

Visit the TransAction 2030 Information Booth to learn how you can aid transportation planners in creating a blueprint for improved mobility by participating in a variety of planning exercises over the Internet, by telephone, and at community events like the 24th Annual Memorial Day Parade & Festival. "Increased congestion on our interstates, parkways, and local roads affects everyone. Getting involved in the decision making process is the first step towards alleviating many of our transportation woes in Northern Virginia," says NVTA Chair and City Council Member David F. Snyder.

For more information, visit www.transaction2030.com.

WHAT: NVTA Transaction 2030 Plan Booth

WHEN: Monday, May 30, 2005 **TIME:** 9:00 a.m. – 5:00 p.m.

WHERE: 24th Annual City of Falls Church Memorial Day Parade & Festival

300 Park Avenue, Booth #C104

Falls Church, VA 22046

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